CARDINALS SHOULD SHOW PENNANT FORM THIS SEASON

Local National's Pitching Staff Looks to Be the Best in the League -Browns Have Landed Several Star Players for 1904 Team-Best and Worst Plays Ever Made by Dave Fultz-How Von Der Ahe Coached Roger Connor.

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and Stanley Robison have constantly endeavored to give the city the best baseball talent procurable.

Coming from Cleveland the Robisons endeavored to give to St. Laufs a pennant winner. Their efforts, while not successful, gave local fans the best article of baseball they had seen for many seasons. Bringing such stars as Burkett, Heldrick, Powell, Young and Criger to the city, the Robisons did not stop there, but went out on the open market and purchased McGraw and Robinson, at that time stars of national repute, at fabulous prices.

The war between the National and American leagues cost the Robisons many of their star players, but they managed to get together a team that, while it made an indifferent showing, proved the Robisons in the local National League owners tried to secure a good team. They secured the land for first-class talent and paid a manager the salary of a bank president to handle their team for them.

Misfortune in the form of mismanagement and internal dissension cost the team many good games, and they finished a poor last. Last winter F. De Hass Robison said he would give St. Louis a pennant winner if it took him the rest of his life to get such a team together, and from present indications he may realize his ambition.

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He began by capturing Charley Nichols for manager and pitcher of his club. This coup was followed by the capture of Jack Taylor, and later by the signing of Joe Corbett.

Corbett.
These boxmen, sided by Thielman,
"Mike" O'Neill, "Charley" McFarland
and "Pete" Dowling, should prove the
best pitching staff in the league.
Beckley and Grady, heavy sluggers,
were next landed. Three new catchers
have been added, and while they are as
yet untried, they come to St. Louis recommended by conservative baseball managers.

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For the infield positions the Cardinals have two men for every place, but Nich-olis will reduce the number before the campaign is very far advanced.

STRONG PITCHING STAFF. Of the new men landed by the Robisons there is little doubt that Nichola, Taylor and Corbett will make good. Dowling and McFarland should form the other two regular slabmen, and these, with Thielman and O'Neill to help matters along, should make things interesting for the opposing teams during this season. The element of discontent which so sadly shattered the Cardinals's prospects last season seems to be lacking this year. The Robisons and Manager Nichols have informed their players that they will be expected to do their best, and they are in dead carnest. Disturbers will be punished. Players who show the proper spirit will be appreciated. For "discontents" there will be norom this season. In the American League St. Louis has not added as many new players as has the local National League team, but the Hedges team should fare better than it did last campaign. Jones on first looks to be an improvement over Anderson, Quite correct, Anderson was a syllsh "average" player, but truly one of the dumbest that ever wore a uniform.

When it came to stealing second base

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Padden, if he can regain his 1902 form, should make the place without any troushould make the place without any trouble, but Dick's long lay-off last season and his bad thumb may have permanently hurt his ability as a ball player. If Padden can round to form the Browls will have a splendid infield. When Dick was in the game last season the Browns showed a spirit that was always lacking when he was out of the fray. Without Padden the Browns showed about as much animation as a bear in midwinter.

Demont, once a wonderful player, and Harry Glesson, the brother of 2 first-class ball player, will make a bid for Padden's shoes.

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One thing sure, the Browns disappointed their most ardent admirers last season. They may do the same this season. At present the fans do not look for the Browns to make any formidable bid for the pennant, so the only way the Browns can be a disappointment is by going out and capturing a good position in the "1964" pennant race.

But whether the Browns finish as go a sathful or not, they should certainly finish higher than they did last campaign. Heidrick, Burkett, Hueismann, Wallace, Jones, et al. are too strong a combination to trail the leaders of the second division. It's up to the Browns to disappoint the local patrons of beseball by making a fight for the first division.

DAVY FULTZ TELLS OF HIS BEST AND WORST PLAYS.

David L. Fultz, the crack center fielder of the New York Americans, is one of the many ex-college players who have done so much to raise the standard of professional baseball in recent years. Fultz was a member of the famous team of Brown University that, under the captaincy of University that, under the captaincy of Billy Lauder of the Giants, caused such a sensation in college circles in 1856-7. Fultz excels as a base runner, and while with the Athletics of Philadelphia, in 1962, he was considered the fastest man on the bases in the country.

Last season Dave was handicapped by a very iame knee, and was in consequence unable to shine with as great brilliancy in his specialty as during the previous year.

Dave says his knee is all right again now, as a result of constant treatment during the winter, and he confidently expects to be in his proper form when the going sounds for the first opening game up on Washington Heights. He will accompany Manager Griffith's team South this systing.

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"A triple play I figured in when Brown

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CARDINALS CATCHING STAFF WILL CONSIST OF MINOR LEAGUE RECRUITS



BYERS, well-built chap, who will catch for the Cardinals this season.

DAVE ZEARFOSS.
Whom McCloskey recommends as a first-class backstop.

STARNAGLE.

Formerly a catcher for Colorado Springs, who will be a regular Cardinal during

was playing Harvard in Cambridge, in '96 or '97. I well remember. Triple plays are not ferquent in college games, and this one in consequence caused quite a sensation at the time, and has gone down in Brown's baseball history as a red-letter event. It was a very close game, and near its end. Brown was ahead, I think, but by a very smell margin. Two harvard men were on bases, one on first and one on second, and in looked to be all over with us. But Billy picked up the balt clean and gracefully, touched third, forcing out the runner on second, and then snapped the ball to Rodman on first in plenty of time to head off the batter. Rodman saw that the runner, who had been on first, had overrun second, and before that man could get back Rodman whipped the ball to me on second, and I touched out the too-daring runner by a yard.

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"The beauty of the play was its quick, clean action and remarkably good headwork of Lauder and Itodanan. The play went through like clockwork, and as if it was prearranged, so neatly was it performed. If I remember right the play saved the day for Brown, and we were accorded mountains of praise for our good work. While my part in the performance was not a prominent one, still, to be able to figure in it at all was a matter of great pride to me, and I have never forgotten it.

"I was lucky to do quite a lot of base of stealing in 1802 while I was with the champion Athletics, and made spmewhat of a reputation as a run-getter. Is game the Athletics played against the Clevelands in Cleveland that year gave me the annothing of the more than it. the Athletics played against the Cleve-lands in Cleveland that year gave me the opportunity of doing some more than usually brilliant running. I was given oredit of stealing four bases in that game, and in one inning I remember that I stole second, third and home. I will not say that I won the game by my running, for I have forgotten whether I did or not, but it was a close game, and I think we wen out.

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"The very dumbest play I was ever guilty of occurred when I was with the Staunton, Va., club, and we were playing against Richmond, I think. Anyhow, I was troubled with a bad ankie, and in my previous times at bat I had been allowed a runner by the courtesy of the opposing captain. The ninth inning came around, and as the score was very close I decided to run myself, and so notified the player who had run for me before. There was a Staunton man on first and there were two out. I managed to knock out what would have been good for a three-bagger, but after hitting the bail I calmly walked back to the bench, having forgotten that I was to do my own running. The man on first got all the way home, but the ball was fielded in from the back fence and over to first, putting me out, and the side, and the run in consequence did not count. Staunton was defeated 2 to 1 in ten inning." feated 2 to 1 in ten innings."

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"Selee started in with the hit-and-run game last year and worked it pretty hard right off the reel," said a player. "He kind of let up on it later when the other teams laid for it. That is why he is so anxious to get a couple of long hitters in his outfield. All his bunch last year were short-field hitters, and when the outfield drew in of course there was no one to drive them back. This forced him largely to play one style of hitting game and the opposition solved it. You get a man that can drive a longafty, even if it is caught, and he helps out one."
"It's a clever manager that can mix up his hitting game and keep a pitcher guessing," said another. "How many times you see men sent up to sacrifice a player along. Under the foul-strike rule, which has cut down this sacrificing somewhat, the batter takes one try at it. He does this according to rule. The next two ballshe tries to hit out. A wise pitcher, sizing up these cast-iron players, hands up the first ball, which nobody but a Keeler could lay down for a bunt. The man ordered to sacrifice falls down on it and gets a strike called. Now, right on the next ball is where you can judge your batter. If he is an artist he will size it up and bunt it if he can or crowd it out. The average is where you can judge your batter. If he is an artist he will size it up and bunt it if he can or crowd it out. The average hatter will try to lace it out and away goes the chance, maybe, to advance a man. The batter that thinks along with the pitcher is the one that gets away with what he wants. If the pitcher has got all the brains, the batter goes and sits down somewhere in the shade and thinks his batting eve has gone wrong. down somewhere in the shade and thinks his batting eye has gone wrong.

"The foul-strike rule has driven these slow-movers out of the sacrificing business. It has not, however, decreased bunting to any marked extent, and you will see as much of it in a game as usual. I think if a manager can get his tenm to drawing in the infield or outfield and

where a gang of carpenters was toiling busily.

"Rocher," said Chris, "you vos von vine vellow, aber you vos nod sefere enough mit de blayers."

"Maybe that's so, Mr. Von der Ame," said Roger, "but what can I do about it?"

"Rocher," said Chris, impressively, "you chust vatch me!" and Chris strode over to a spot where five or six carpenters were bustling like beavers.

"Hey, you no-goot sons of gunses," roared Chris, "vot I bay you for? Vot you loaf und loaf and vork not, airetty, like dis, for? You schwelnkopfs! You dummer dis, for? You schwelnkopfs! You dummer like winter at his old home, Carnoustie, Sootiand. Simpson is also playing great golf. He did St. Andrews in 72 recently and carnoustie in 73. Eighty was a sound score for the good player with the gutta had on either course, and 75 is excellent work nowadays. The record for St. Andrews is 71, held by Sandy Herd.

English professionals oppose a proposition to make the open golf championship \$5 holes medal play and have the first sixteen qualifiers play off in 36 holes match play. All the star professionals, save Andrew Kirkaldy and Sandy Herd, advocate

dis, for? You schweinkopfs! You dummer eseis! You — "And Chris poured forth a flood of terrific objurgations for twenty minutes or more, the astounded carpenters standing with open mouths and Connor listening with greatest glee.

"Dere" finally reared Chris, finishing up his tirade, "here, poys, ist a fife tollar pill. I means nodings by vot I said. I chust vanted to make of you an exambles for to show Rocher. Now, Rocher, do as I do. Be firm. Be firm, und nefer hesidate to use strong langviches ven needfulsary."

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Many stories have been told of the winter job George Davis was once given in New York City Hall in return for his per-

New York City Hall in return for his personal services for Andy Freedman, but Davis's own version, as given to the writer at the time, is the best, declares Elmer Bates, the clever baseball man of the Cleveland Press.

"I was in Freedman's office one day," said George, "when he said to me: 'Davis, you have been loyal to me. Your name has been entered on the pay roll down at the City Hall for \$59 a month. Is that satisfactory?

"Is the work I am to do very exacting? I asked.
""Very,' he said, 'Every two weeks you must sign the pay roll for \$175. If you haven't time to go down to the hall after the money I'll see to it that a man hrings it to you. It will not be asking you too much to sign your name twice for \$50, will it?

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Davis makes this confession, probably,
with the hope that the sporting public will
forget that a few months later, tempted
by money offered by the American
League, he deserted his benefactor.

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"I know some of the gentlemen here assembled," says Jimmy Ryan, "will arise and give me a prodigious hoot, but I want to say that good old Uncle Anson was one of the headlest and most daring baserunners I have ever seen. Not that uncle stole so many bases, but that he was a past master in the art of navigating when once he reached a sack. He would take long chances and get away with them, too. Suppose there was a man on third, and uncle sot four balls. He would trot down to first, and then, without even pausing at the bag, would dash on to second. Tho whole infield would be thrown into a turmoil, the ball would zip back and forth; uncle would keep on for second, the man on third would break for home, and in about eight cases out of ten both uncle and the other fellow would arrive in safety. He was always turning tricks on the base lines, and it seemed more than strange that so huge a man could get away with such bluffs as he was always working.

"One of the few times I saw uncle nipped was by Fred Tenney. The old gentleman had reached third, and there was a runner on first. The man on first started down, and uncle whooped it up for home. He figured that he could either get back to third safely, or home, according to the throw. But Tenney fooled him. Instead of passing the ball to anyone Tenney rushed across the diamond, shaking his arm as if about to throw. Uncle seemed actually bewildered, scrambled back and forth six or seven times, and was finally captured standing still. I think that misfortune pretty nearly broke his heart."

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mile course recently A. R. Churchill of Calus College, Oxford, made the distance in forty-one minutes and forty-four seconds, though a deal of the course key over plowed ground. As the pace came close to being an even five minutesto the mile it can be seen how fast it was and over country, too.

Leading golfers of England are agaitating the question of a national gallery of golfers at St. Andrews. They wish to preserve all great golfers on canvas and pasteboard. Harry Varden's picture is to head the collection.

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Wales beat Scotland in their international Rugby match, played last month, 21 points to 3. The Welsh forwards completely smothered their Scotlish opponents and won for their side. The match was played at Swansea, Wales, and attracted 25,000 persons in a terrific downpour of rain.

Rugby football, by the way, is falling into additional disfavor in England each year. The inability of the rulemakers to keep players from foul work is responsi-

ble for the dislike of the populace to the game. Penalties for infractions of Rugby rules are so frequent as to delay and spoil play. The association game easis for more open work, and it affords less chance for foulding.

Priestlaw and Mallory divided the Waterioo Cup, and Lonely Star and Prince terles Cup and Lonely Star and Prince Plausible, the cruck puppy, divided the Plausible, the cruck puppy, divided the Waterloo Plate for dogs beaten in the second round of the Waterloo Cup. Mallory divided the plate last year, and Preistiaw divided the purses. Both should know the Altear flats pretty well. Homfray, by Fabulous Fortune, out of Killmede, won the Waterloo Cup, as previously printed in The Republic. Owing to the illness of E. Wilkinson, Souch slipped the cup, while Mr. Brice Judged.

The annual meeting of the Norwegian Ski Club was held at Holmenkollen, near Christiania, on February 2. The first of the races, nominally diffeen kilometers (nine and one-third miles), was brought off on the first day in watry weather, the off on the first day in wintry weather, the wind bowing occasionary tresh from the northeest, with chow, which stock to independent out was probably mater twenty than infection knowners, so that it was not supraining that some of the competitors was distributed in arrival home. Fortunately home were really the woins for their exections, and no greater steedent occurred to any of the forty-seven men who trooper to the forty-seven men who trooper to the forty-seven men who trooper to the forty-seven men who trooper the control of the forty-seven men who trooper the forty-seven men who trooper the control of the forty-seven men who trooper the forty-seven men who t derwood.
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The fitty kilometers in the lith inst. over a trying course, hor were the difficultes diminished by the weather or other conditions, for the temperature was but 9 degrees Fahrenheit, or 13 degrees below receding point, which made the snow to dry, and consequently not slippery enough for very fast traveling, while a gale of wind blew from the northeast with drifting snow, and proved troublesome to the men, in addition to this the snow which covered the flats was so loose that the men, in addition to this the snow which covered the flats was so loose that the men in addition to this the snow which covered the flats was so loose that the men crossing linker reached the water that lay above the frozen surface, got their ski leed, and were much hampered. Of twenty-one who had entered, but fourteen started. Shortly after getting away the first man returned with broken sai, borrowed another pair, and set out again, but he could do little with the strange ski, and soon retired. The Tryall men gained the first five places, the best times being 156:28, 502:68, 503:68; 5 suit of the fifty-shometer race would be, and several of the competitors consequent-

improvement, as the men had more son when they jumped, and did not ne sarily follow in each other's tracks.

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ENGLAND'S STALWART FORWARDS WERE TOO MUCH FOR IRISH AT RUGBY

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC. international rugby football match played at Blackheath, England, in February, 19 points to 0. The Irish team was highly rated before the contest. Experts agreed that no country ever sent out a bigger, faster or more impressive set of forwards than the Green Isle. Still the big fellows used poor judgment and the backs did

England and Ireland have been so sodden with incessant rain that fox hunting. the great winter sport of the islands, has almost an impossibility. The British islands are mere sponges, so Running over a seven-and-one

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC thoroughly sodden that horses will sink England decisively beat Ireland in the to their knees in the soil of the hill tops. There were 1,680 dogs benched in the London show at Agricultural Hall, Terriers of all breeds made the best showing Oddly enough experts agree that the English setters and the pointers shown at the St. Petersburg, Russia, show were much superior in every way to those shown in any bench in England. The English critics of canialty agree that the Russian-bred English setters and pointers far outclass the best dogs of these classes shown in England, whereas, Borozois, the beautiful Russian wolfhound, is much inferior in Russia to specimens seen on inferior in Russia to specimens seen English benches.

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